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Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 15 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2002 and 2003) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Benin	14 400.00
Central African Republic	320 828.00
Chad	9 971.00
Comoros	745 330.00
Georgia	6 854 388.00
Guinea-Bissau	460 430.00
Iraq	14 603 124.00
Liberia	1 111 729.00
Malawi	7 841.00
Mauritania	11 229.00
Niger	338 967.69
Republic of Moldova	1 542 703.00
Sao Tome and Principe	563 435.00
Somalia	991 835.00
Tajikistan	1 258 999.00

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